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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Harrison reported -10 degrees on Monday, February 11th. Gradual warming occurred throughout the week with temperatures reaching into the 50's over all of the State on Sunday. Temperature averages ranged from about 4 degrees below normal along the Missouri River to about 5 degrees above normal in the northwest.

Precipitation was confined to scattered sprinkles and flurries on Thursday and again Saturday.

CROPS A continuation of mild weather last week permitted further reduction of supplemental feeding and encouraged farmers to go ahead with other farm work. Field operations were limited and confined mostly to cutting stalks and spreading fertilizer. Many farmers were busy preparing for spring plantings. There was more activity in obtaining seed and other supplies along with repairing farm machinery. Some operators attended farm meetings and sales.

The winter wheat crop appears to be in good condition. The crop was coming out of the dormant stage in some areas and showing signs of growth. Rain or snow cover would be beneficial. Fall sown rye and barley have responded to the warmer weather. A few fields in the western districts are beginning to green.

More cattle were returned to pastures and ranges and they made good use of winter pasture and field forage. Easing of supplemental feed requirements relieved the drain on grain and hay supplies. Current stocks are adequate to meet normal needs until spring grass becomes available.

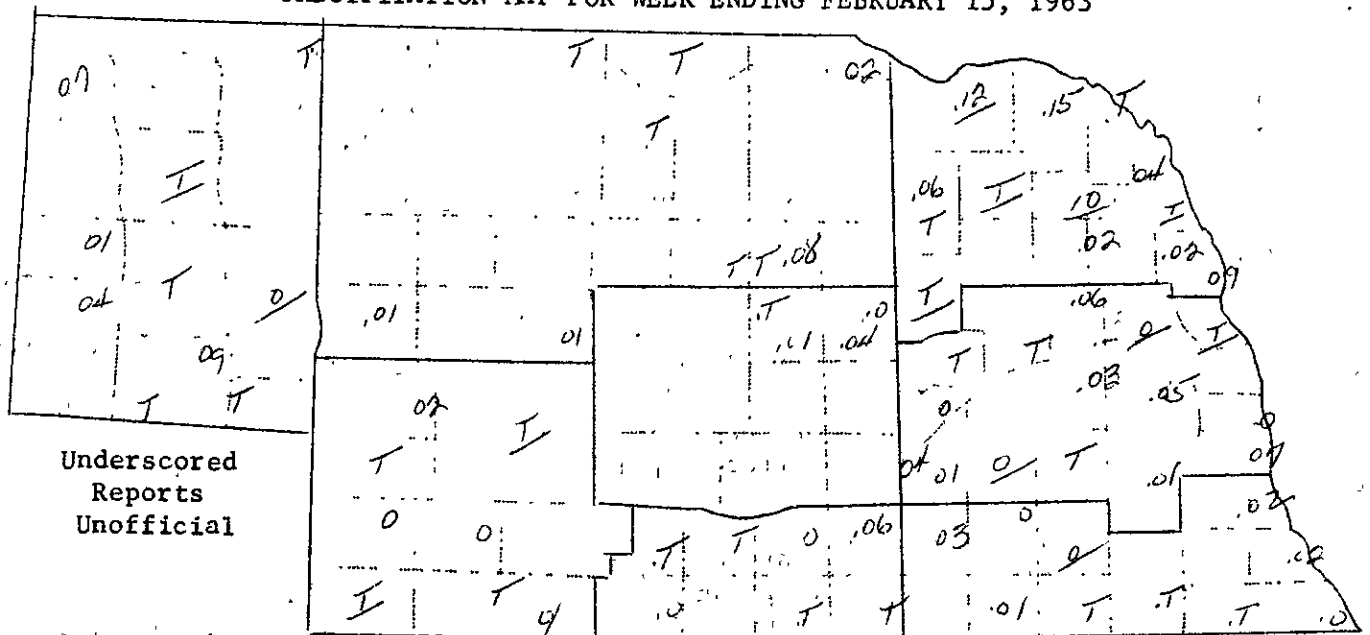
LIVESTOCK Production gains of livestock were at a satisfactory seasonal level as the result of favorable weather conditions. New born animals were reported to be doing well with light losses. Calving and lambing operations made good progress. Marketings of cattle increased in some areas.

Shipments of stocker and feeder cattle into Nebraska during the month of January totaled 70,000 head compared with 79,000 head brought in during January 1962. Inshipments during the six month's period August-January totaled 901,000 head, 20 percent more than the 751,000 head brought in during these six months a year ago. Lambs unloaded in Nebraska for feeding during January totaled 34,000 head compared with 51,000 head a year earlier.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 18, 1963

<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>	
Grand Island	T	Burwell	T	Chadron	T
Lincoln	T	North Platte	T	Imperial	-
Norfolk	T	Valentine	T	Scottsbluff	T
Omaha	T			Sidney	-
Sioux City	.03				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1963



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:01 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:00 a.m., CST)

		February													
		12th		13th		14th		15th		16th		17th		18th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	26	15	41	21	33	20	48	21	48	18	47	18	52	31
	Scottsbluff	23	7	40	19	44	16	51	26	47	24	46	17	50	32
	Sidney	20	3	38	21	44	17	51	24	47	18	46	16	51	25
NC	Burwell	27	10	44	20	28	18	33	17	42	12	54	19	55	--
	Valentine	25	12	43	21	27	20	36	13	38	14	50	20	53	25
NE	Norfolk	25	21	43	22	26	8	24	16	39	16	50	25	53	33
	Sioux City	24	21	35	20	25	4	15	12	28	15	38	20	52	28
CEN	Grand Island	25	15	27	11	26	17	30	18	39	16	50	22	54	30
EC	Lincoln	27	21	38	20	29	13	28	17	36	27	53	31	55	34
	Omaha	23	19	30	16	27	8	20	13	25	20	48	31	51	34
SW	Imperial	24	11	41	21	37	14	50	25	42	20	47	17	56	21
	North Platte	27	10	44	20	34	21	39	25	43	19	47	22	54	22

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